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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Policy and Plans Group

FROM:

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Policy and Plans Group

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SUBJECT: DoD Revision of E.O. 12065

REFERENCE: OS 2 0259, same Subject

1. I have followed the status of the DoD proposal in keeping with the request from the Chairman, SECOM, contained in reference and in our own interest.

2. Per [REDACTED] of Records Management Division (RMD), the SECOM staff is supporting DoD. CIA, State, and ISOO are against the proposal. The DoD position was not reflected in the version of a replacement order we reviewed last week. However, it is not dead. DoD reportedly has modified its approach in that the concept of "loss of an advantage" was dropped in favor of "damage" to the national security. This we could endorse if DoD accepts the need for security criteria that will govern access, storage, and dissemination. It is hard to conceive of standards less than those that exist for Confidential information, which brings us back to the point that the existing national defense categories are sufficient to satisfy DoD concern if they accept the expense and discipline attendant to protection of classified information.

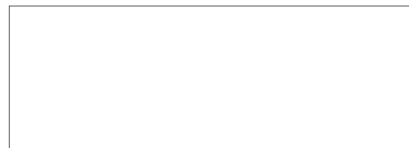
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4. At this point, it is not necessary to advise the Chairman, SECOM, of developments in the matter at issue. The SECOM staff is in contact with RMD and presumably with DoD in the role of advocate. I propose that we continue to monitor the situation through periodic contact with RMD.



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